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Co-chairs, International Geological Congress Committee
c/o Secretariat, 37th International Geological Congress
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Dear Drs Banerjee and Ludden:

On behalf of the Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments (CCCESD), it is my pleasure to endorse Canada's bid for the 38th International Geological Congress (IGC) in August 2028. This endorsement advances the Council's mandate to promote education in the Earth Sciences at all levels.

The IGC plays a crucial role in advancing global Earth Science, and Canada's rich history in hosting previous congresses, including the 12th IGC in Toronto in 1913 and the 24th in Montreal in 1972, underscores its commitment to the field. The return of the IGC to Canada is long overdue. Canada's geological diversity, spanning over 4.6 billion years of Earth's history, provides an exceptional backdrop for discussions on various aspects of our planet, from factors that influence climate change to corporate social license. The proposed program, featuring over 50 field trips, promises to be an enriching experience, with unique virtual components and visits to include Canada's five UNESCO Geoparks, as well as the newly designated six Canadian UNESCO Geoheritage Sites. Support from the GeoHost fund which will help to foster the participation of young and developing country delegates, ensuring a diverse and inclusive congress.

The Council wholeheartedly endorse Canada's bid to host the 38th IGC in Calgary in 2028. It will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the advancement of Earth Science and foster international collaboration in the field.

Yours sincerely,

James M. Brenan

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